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PRAYERS AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

FOR

PENITENTS.

PREFACE.

The Sinner's Lamentation.

O LORD, turn not Thy face from me,
  Who lie in woeful state,
Lamenting all my sinful life
  Before Thy mercy-gate;

A gate which opens wide to those
  That do lament their sin:
Shut not that gate against me, Lord,
  But let me enter in.

And call me not to strict account,
  How I have sojourn'd here;
For then my guilty conscience knows
  How vile I shall appear.

I need not to confess my life
  To Thee, Who best can tell
What I have been, and what I am;
  I know Thou know'st it well.

The circumstances of my crimes,
  Their number and their kind,
Thou know'st them all, and more, much more
  Than I can call to mind:

Therefore, with tears, I come to beg
  Of my offended God,
For pardon, like a child that dreads
  His angry parent's rod.

So come I to Thy mercy gate,
  Where mercy doth abound,
Imploring pardon for my sin,
  To heal my deadly wound.

O Lord, I need not to repeat
  The comfort I would have;
Thou know'st, O Lord, before I ask
  The blessing I do crave.

Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask,
  This is the total sum;
For mercy, Lord, is all my suit;
  Lord, let Thy mercy come!

PRAYERS

TO BE SAID EVERY MORNING BEFORE THOSE APPOINTED FOR EACH DAY.

¶ *All kneeling.*

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Confession of Sin.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Thy holy Name. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord, open Thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *All standing.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

Morning Prayers.

SUNDAY.

THE DAY ON WHICH OUR LORD ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm* cxviii. 24.

PSALM 1.—O. V.

The man is bless'd that hath not lent
To wicked men his ear,
Nor led his life as sinners do,
Nor sat in scorners' chair.

But in the love of God the Lord
Doth set his whole delight;
And in the same doth exercise
Himself, both day and night.

He shall be like a tree that is
Planted the rivers nigh,
Which in due season bringeth forth
Its fruit abundantly.

Whose fruit shall never fade nor fall,
But flourishing shall stand;
E'en so all things shall prosper well
That this man takes in hand.

As for ungodly men, with them
It shall be nothing so,
But as the chaff which by the wind
Is driven to and fro.

Therefore the wicked men shall not
In judgment stand upright;
Nor in assemblies of the just
Shall sinners come in sight.

The Lesson.—Rom. xiii. 12—14.

THE night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Psalm xix. 7—15.

THE law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is Thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth: O cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.

Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm XXV.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in Thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies (*my sins*) triumph over me.

For all they that hope in Thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me Thy ways, O Lord : and teach me Thy paths.

Lead me forth in Thy truth, and learn me : for Thou art the God of my salvation; in Thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies : and Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to Thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment : and such as are gentle, them shall He learn His way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep His covenant, and His testimonies.

For Thy Name's sake, O Lord : be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

What man is he, that feareth the Lord : him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease : and his seed shall inherit the land.

The secret of the Lord is among them that fear Him : and He will shew them His covenant.

Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord : for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate, and in misery.

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged : O bring Thou me out of my troubles.

Look upon my adversity and misery : and forgive me all my sin.

Consider mine enemies, how many they are : and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in Thee.

Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me : for my hope hath been in Thee.

Deliver Israel, O God : out of all his troubles.

IN MY BAPTISM

I did renounce the Devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh,

And I did promise (God being my helper) to keep His holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of my life.

The Articles of the Christian Faith.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; The Resurrection of the Body, And the Life Everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

¶ *All kneeling.*

For Conversion from Sin.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Pardon.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully

delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Purity.

O GOD, whose Blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Final Prayers.

Be Thou, O LORD,
Within me to strengthen me,
Without me to guard me,
Over me to shelter me,
Beneath me to stablish me,
Before me to guide me,
After me to forward me,
Round about me to secure me,
Now and evermore.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

NEWNESS OF LIFE.

BE not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame. 1 *Cor.* xv. 33, 34.

HYMN.

AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise,
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mispent moments past,
And live this day as if the last;
Thy talents to improve take care;
For the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
For God's all-seeing eye surveys
Thy secret thoughts, thy works and ways.

Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part;
Who all night long unwearied sing
High glory to th' eternal King.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, angelic host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Lesson.—Eph. v. 11—17.

HAVE no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Psalm v.

PONDER my words, O Lord : consider my meditation.

O hearken Thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God : for unto Thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt Thou hear betimes, O Lord : early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

For Thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness : neither shall any evil dwell with Thee.

Such as be foolish shall not stand in Thy sight : for Thou hatest all them that work vanity.

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing (*lies*): the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into Thine house, even upon the multitude of Thy mercy : and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies : make Thy way plain before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in his mouth : their inward parts are very wickedness.

Their throat is an open sepulchre : they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy Thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations : cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against Thee.

And let all them that put their trust in Thee rejoice : they shall ever be giving of thanks, because Thou defendest them; they that love Thy Name shall be joyful in Thee.

For Thou, Lord, wilt give Thy blessing unto the righteous : and with Thy favourable kindness wilt Thou defend him as with a shield.

Psalm cxxiii.

UNTO Thee lift I up mine eyes : O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until He have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.

Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy : and with the despitefulness of the proud.

[*Repeat Baptismal Promises and Belief, as in p.* 8.]

¶ *Kneeling.*

For Pardon.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Grace and Help.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Protection.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Morning, p.* 10.]

TUESDAY MORNING.

UPRIGHTNESS.

LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon Thy holy hill ?

Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart. *Psalm* xv. 1, 2.

PSALM 119.—N. V.

How shall the young preserve their ways
  From all pollution free ?
By making still their course of life
  With Thy commands agree.

With hearty zeal for Thee I seek,
  To Thee for succour pray;
O suffer not my careless steps
  From Thy right paths to stray.

To keep Thy statutes undefac'd
  Shall be my constant joy;
The strict remembrance of Thy word
  Shall all my thoughts employ.

Be gracious to Thy servant, Lord,
  Do Thou my life defend,
That I, according to Thy word,
  My future time may spend.

The Lesson.—Rom. vi. 19—23.

I SPEAK after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm i.

BLESSED is the man, that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in His law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm cxli.

LORD, I call upon Thee, haste Thee unto me: and consider my voice when I cry unto Thee.

Let my prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing: let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

Let the righteous rather smite me friendly: and reprove me.

But mine eyes look unto Thee, O Lord God: in Thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.

Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me: and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together: and let me ever escape them.

[*Repeat Baptismal Promises and Belief, as in p.* 8.]

¶ *Kneeling.*

For Guidance.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee: and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Against Temptation.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Preservation.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Morning*, p. 10.]

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

DUTY.

NOT every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *Matt.* vii. 21.

PSALM 119.—N. V.

How bless'd are they who always keep
  The pure and perfect way;
Who never from the sacred paths
  Of God's commandments stray!

How bless'd, who to His righteous laws
  Have still obedient been;
And have with fervent humble zeal
  His favour sought to win!

O then that Thy most holy will
  Might o'er my ways preside!
And I the course of all my life
  By Thy direction guide!

So to Thy sacred laws shall I
  All due observance pay;
O then forsake me not, my God,
  Nor cast me quite away.

The Lesson.—Rom. vi. 8—14.

NOW if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto since once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Psalm xv.

LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon Thy holy hill?

Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

Psalm xvii.

HEAR the right, O Lord, consider my complaint : and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence : and let Thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season; Thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me : for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

Because of men's works, that are done against the words of Thy lips : I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.

O hold Thou up my goings in Thy paths : that my footsteps slip not.

I have called upon Thee, O God, for Thou shalt hear me : incline Thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

Shew Thy marvellous loving-kindness, Thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in Thee : from such as resist Thy right hand.

Keep me as the apple of an eye : hide me under the shadow of Thy wings,

From the ungodly that trouble me : mine enemies compass me round about to take away my soul.

They are inclosed in their own fat : and their mouth speaketh proud things.

They lie waiting in our way on every side : turning their eyes down to the ground;

Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey : and as it were a lion's whelp, lurking in secret places.

Up, Lord, disappoint him, and cast him down : deliver my soul from the ungodly, which is a sword of thine;

From the men of Thy hand, O Lord, from the men, I say, and from the evil world : which have their portion in this life, whose bellies Thou fillest with Thy hid treasure.

They have children at their desire : and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.

But as for me, I will behold Thy presence in righteousness : and when I awake up after Thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

[*Baptismal Promises and Belief, as in p.* 8.]

For Pardon.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed : Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Against Temptation.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection,

as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Heavenly-mindedness.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as before*, p. 10.]

THURSDAY MORNING.

CONSCIENCE.

LET us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. We have transgressed and have rebelled: Thou hast not pardoned. *Lament.* iii. 40—42.

HYMN.

Think upon Eve and Adam's sin—
See woe and death at once come in;
And learn how wicked acts begin.

When conscience tells you not to do
The deed that you may have in view;
That is the voice of God to you.

When playmates urge, or when you long,
To leave the right way for the wrong;
That is to you, the serpent's tongue.

Or if a thing forbidden be,
Yet pleasant, good, and fair to see;
That is to you, the guarded tree:

So, if there come a thought some day
Parents or friends to disobey,
And from their wishes turn away;

Or some bold evil passion rise,
And make you wish what God denies—
O then, remembering Eve, be wise!

The Lesson.—Rev. xx. 11—15.

I SAW a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books (*of good and evil conscience*) were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second (*and eternal*) death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Psalm cxxxix.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me out, and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; Thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but Thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from Thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from Thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there : if I go down to hell, Thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall Thy hand lead me : and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.

Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee : and am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee?

Yea, I hate them right sore : even as though they were mine enemies.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm xciv.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth : Thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew Thyself.

Arise, Thou Judge of the world : and reward the proud after their deserving.

Lord, how long shall the ungodly : how long shall the ungodly triumph?

How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully : and make such proud boasting?

They smite down Thy people, O Lord : and trouble Thine heritage.

They murder the widow, and the stranger : and put the fatherless to death.

And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see : neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Take heed, ye unwise among the people : O ye fools, when will ye understand ?

He that planted the ear, shall He not hear : or He that made the eye, shall He not see ?

Or He that nurtureth the heathen : it is He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not He punish ?

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man : that they are but vain.

Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord : and teachest him in Thy law ;

That Thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity : until the pit be digged for the ungodly.

[*Promises and Belief, as in p.* 8.]

For Forgiveness.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Grace and Help.

ALMIGHTY God, who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of ever-

lasting life; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Pureness.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve Thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as before*, p. 10.]

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE DAY ON WHICH OUR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED.

THEY that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. *Gal.* v. 24.

HYMN.

The mighty One, the Son of God,
Hath humbly kissed affliction's rod,
That by His stripes we might be heal'd,
Our pardon by His blood be seal'd,
And boundless mercy stand reveal'd.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
And turn'd aside from wisdom's way,
But He hath sav'd us from our sin;
Our God the ransom Lamb hath been;
Our God hath sav'd us from our sin.

O let us cast each vice away,
Which thus the Son of God could slay!
With contrite heart, and weeping eye,
Behold the Saviour's cross on high,
And every sin and folly fly!

So may we join the song of love,
Which saints and angels sing above;
All honour, glory, praise to Thee,
Which wert, and art, and art to be,
The Lamb slain from eternity.

The Lesson.—1 *Pet.* i. 13—19.

WHEREFORE gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

PSALM XXII.

[*In this Psalm, composed by David under some great trouble, he describes in his own person the sufferings of Christ and His subsequent glory.*]

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but Thou hearest not: and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And Thou continuest holy: O Thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in Thee: they trusted in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them.

They called upon Thee, and were holpen : they put their trust in Thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man : a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn : they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that He would deliver him : let Him deliver him, if He will have him.

But Thou art He that took me out of my mother's womb : Thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto Thee ever since I was born : Thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand : and there is none to help me.

Many oxen (*wild and disobedient persons*) are come about me : fat bulls of Basan (*men who fare sumptuously*) close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths : as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones (*stretched upon the cross*) are out of joint : my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums : and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs (*railing persons*) are come about me : and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones : they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them : and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not Thou far from me, O Lord : Thou art my succour, haste Thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword : my darling (*my life*) from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth : Thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns (*proud and violent men*).

I will declare Thy Name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear Him : magnify Him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear Him, all ye seed of Israel;

For He hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : He hath not hid His face from him, but when he called unto Him He heard him.

My praise is of Thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear Him.

The poor (*and humble*) shall eat (*of the bread of life*) and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise Him; your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : and He is the Governour among the people.

[*Baptismal Promises and Belief, as in p.* 8.]

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, Who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to Thy people, Who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Morning, p.* 10.]

SATURDAY MORNING.

JUDGMENT.

LET us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. *Ecclesiastes* xii. 13, 14.

HYMN.

The day of wrath! that dreadful day,
When heaven and earth shall pass away,
What power shall be the sinner's stay?
Whom shall he trust that dreadful day?

When shrivelling like a parched scroll,
The flaming heavens together roll;
When, louder yet, and yet more dread,
Swells the high trump that wakes the dead;

Oh, on that day, that wrathful day,
When man to judgment wakes from clay,
Be Thou, O Christ, the sinner's stay,
Though heaven and earth shall pass away!

The Lesson.—2 *Peter* iii. 8—12.

BUT, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord

is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Psalm xxxix.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways: that I offend not in my tongue.

I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle: while the ungodly is in my sight.

I held my tongue, and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing, the fire kindled: and at the last I spake with my tongue;

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of Thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope : truly my hope is even in Thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences : and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth : for it was Thy doing.

Take Thy plague away from me : I am even consumed by the means of Thy heavy hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, Thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment : every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Thine ears consider my calling : hold not Thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with Thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength : before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Psalm xc.

LORD, Thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction : again Thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure : and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee : and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For when Thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of Thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is Thy displeasure.

So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto Thy servants.

O satisfy us with Thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that Thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Shew Thy servants Thy work : and their children Thy glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handy-work.

[*Baptismal Promises and Belief, as in p.* 8.]

IN the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, Who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Morning, p.* 10.]

PRAYERS

TO BE SAID AT NOON BEFORE THOSE APPOINTED FOR THE DAY.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sin.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Pardon.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord, open Thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *All standing.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

SUNDAY NOON.

THE DAY ON WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS GIVEN.

IF ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. *Rom.* viii. 13, 14.

HYMN.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both, to be but One;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song,

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Lesson.—Gal. v. 22—25.

BUT the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

I BELIEVE in One God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall

come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

¶ *All Kneeling.*

The Litany.

O GOD the Father, of heaven : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lying, evil-speaking, want of modesty, love of dress, all bad company, and the sin that doth so easily beset us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From neglect of prayer, distrust of Thy mercy, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all adversities which may happen to the body, all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, from painful diseases, and sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of trouble and sickness; in all time of health and strength; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to keep and strengthen us in the true worshipping of Thee, in holiness and righteousness of life;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to rule our hearts in Thy faith, fear, and love, and that we may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to be our defender and keeper, and give us the victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to endue our souls with grace, wisdom, and understanding;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us a heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us an increase of grace to hear meekly Thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen us, when we stand; to comfort and help us, when we are weak-hearted; to raise us up when we fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort us in every danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, (*trials or temptations,*) may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

O GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.
Graciously look upon our afflictions.
Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.
Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.
Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.
Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.
Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be shewed upon us;
As we do put our trust in Thee.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY NOON.

WATCHING.

THE end of all things is at hand; be ye, therefore, sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 *Peter* v. 7.

HYMN.

See the leaves around us falling,
  Dry and withered to the ground;
Thus to thoughtless mortals calling
  With a sad and solemn sound—
" Sons of Adam—once in Eden,
  Where, like us, he blighted fell—
Hear the lesson we are reading;
  Mark the awful truth we tell.

Ye on length of days presuming,
  Who the paths of pleasure tread,
View us—late in beauty blooming—
  Numbered now among the dead."
On the tree of life eternal,
  Oh, let all our hopes be laid;
This alone for ever vernal,
  Bears a leaf that shall not fade.

The Lesson.—Matt. xxv. 1—13.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him: in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Psalm cxliii.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all Thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust: shew Thou

me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God : let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake : and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am Thy servant.

[*The Nicene Creed, as in p.* 42.]

For Obedience.

ALMIGHTY God, Who shewest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Guidance.

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

For a better life.

ALMIGHTY God, Who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Final Prayers.

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

TUESDAY NOON.

TEMPTATION.

BE sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 *Peter* v. 8.

HYMN.

My GOD, when dangers press me round
And safety but in Thee is found,
  O leave me not alone:
Preserve my soul from every snare,
Grant me Thine aid, and let my prayer
  Reach Thine eternal throne.

Thou art my GOD, my strength, my stay,
Who, in temptation's evil day,
  Hast shielded me from harm:
Now to the malice of my foes,
Lord, the resistless force oppose,
  Of Thine Almighty arm.

The Lesson.—James i. 12—15.

BLESSED is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Psalm xxxviii.

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in Thine anger: neither chasten me in Thy heavy displeasure.

For Thine arrows stick fast in me: and Thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

My wounds stink, and are corrupt: through my foolishness.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery: that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease: and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble, and sore smitten: I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

Lord, Thou knowest all my desire: and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God : be not Thou far from me.

Haste Thee to help me : O Lord God of my salvation.

Psalm xxxii.

(*A penitent sinner speaks to God.*)

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, Thou shalt preserve me from trouble : Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

(*God answers him.*)

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with Mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

[*Nicene Creed, as in p.* 42.]

For Strength.

O GOD, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Against Temptation.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For increase in true Religion.

LORD of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Monday Noon, p.* 53.]

WEDNESDAY NOON.

DILIGENCE.

THE axe is laid unto the root of the tree: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. *Matthew* iii. 10.

HYMN.

The GOD of Glory walks His round,
  From day to day, from year to year,
And warns us each with awful sound,
  "No longer stand ye idle here!

"Ye whose young cheeks are rosy bright,
  Whose hands are strong, whose hearts are clear,
Waste not of hope the morning light!
  Ah fools! why stand ye idle here?

"Oh, as the griefs ye would assuage
  That wait on life's declining year,
Secure a blessing for your age,
  And work your Maker's business here!

"And ye, whose locks of scanty grey
  Foretell your latest travail near,
How swiftly fades your worthless day!
  And stand ye yet so idle here?

"One hour remains, there is but one!
  But many a shriek and many a tear
Through endless years the guilt must moan
  Of moments lost and wasted here!"

Oh Thou, by all Thy works adored,
  To Whom the sinner's soul is dear,
Recall us to Thy vineyard, Lord!
  And grant us grace to please Thee here!

The Lesson.—Luke xiii. 6—9.

HE spake also this parable: A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

[*Litany, as on Sunday Noon, p.* 43.]

THURSDAY NOON.

HUMILITY.

GOD resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.—1 *Peter* v. 5, 6.

HYMN.

Almighty God, the pure and just,
How shall we dare approach Thy throne;
When humbly prostrate in the dust,
With trembling lips our guilt we own?

Thy sons in name, to Thee baptized,
And blest with Thy paternal care;
How have our souls Thy love despised;
How mocked Thee with a heartless prayer!

But Thou hast bid us turn and live,
And stay'd Thy wrath with long delay;
And wilt Thou with the *sinner* strive,
Yet spurn the *penitent* away?

O Lamb of God, for sinners slain!
Renew our hearts, our sins forgive;
So cleansed from every crimson stain,
Our grateful souls to Thee shall live.

The Lesson.—Luke xviii. 9—14.

AND He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Psalm li.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again : and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

[*Nicene Creed, as in p.* 42.]

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Morning*, *p.* 10.]

FRIDAY NOON.

REPENTANCE.

GODLY sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. 2 *Corinth.* vii. 10, 11.

HYMN.

LORD! have mercy when we strive
To save, through Thee, our souls alive!
When the pamper'd flesh is strong,
When the strife is fierce and long;
When our wakening thoughts begin,
First to loath their cherish'd sin,
And our weary spirits fail,
And our aching brows are pale,
O then have mercy! LORD!

LORD! have mercy when we lie
On the restless bed, and sigh,
Sigh for Death, yet fear it still,
From the thought of former ill;
When all other hope is gone;
When our course is almost done;
When the dim advancing gloom
Tells us that our hour is come,
O then have mercy! LORD!

LORD! have mercy when we know
First how vain this world below;
When the earliest gleam is given
Of Thy bright but distant heaven!
When our darker thoughts oppress,
Doubts perplex and fears distress,
And our saddened spirits dwell
On the open gates of hell,
O then have mercy! LORD!

The Lesson.—Luke xv. 11—24.

A CERTAIN man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my

father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

[*Nicene Creed, as in p.* 42.]

[*Litany, as on Sunday Noon, p.* 43.]

SATURDAY NOON.

SHORTNESS OF LIFE.

THE days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field. For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.—*Psalm* ciii. 15, 16.

HYMN.

Beneath our feet and o'er our head
Is equal warning given;
Beneath us lie the countless dead,
Above us is the Heaven!

Their names are graven on the stone,
Their bones are in the clay;
And ere another day is gone,
Ourselves may be as they.

Death rides on every passing breeze,
He lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour!

Our eyes have seen the rosy light
Of youth's soft cheek decay,
And Fate descend in sudden night
On Manhood's middle day.

Our eyes have seen the steps of age
Halt feebly towards the tomb,
And yet shall earth our hearts engage,
And dreams of days to come?

Turn, mortal, turn! thy danger know;
Where'er thy foot can tread,
The earth rings hollow from below,
And warns thee of her dead!

Turn, Christian, turn! thy soul apply
To truths divinely given;
The bones that underneath thee lie
Shall live for Hell or Heaven!

The Lesson.—Luke xii. 16—21.

THE ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Psalm vi.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation: neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me?

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death no man remembereth Thee : and who will give Thee thanks in the pit ?

I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm cii.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto Thee.

Hide not Thy face from me in the time of my trouble : incline Thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

For my days are consumed away like smoke : and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and like an owl that is in the desert.

I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping;

And that because of Thine indignation and wrath : for Thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

But, Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

And why ? Thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth Thy Majesty;

When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when His glory shall appear;

When He turneth Him unto the prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire.

This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

For He hath looked down from His sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

That He might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death;

That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion : and His worship at Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for Thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed : but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in Thy sight.

[*Nicene Creed, as in p.* 42.]

ALMIGHTY God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Monday Noon, p.* 53.]

PRAYERS

TO BE SAID EVERY EVENING BEFORE THOSE APPOINTED FOR EACH DAY.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sin.

BE merciful, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and forgive us all our sins and iniquities. Forgive us the sins of our youth, and the sins of our riper age; the sins of the body, and the sins of the soul; the sins of the day, and the sins of the night; our secret and our crying sins; the sins we have done to please others, and the sins we have done to please ourselves.

Forgive us our wanton and idle sins; forgive us the sins which we know, and those sins which we know not; the sins which we have laboured to hide from others, and the sins which we have ourselves forgotten. Whether sins of thought, or word, or deed, O Lord, forgive them all. Of Thy great mercy, let us be absolved from all our offences, and let us be delivered from the power of every sin, that hath ever had dominion over us. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ His sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Penitents.

Abridged from Constit. Apost. lib. viii. c. 9.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live; look graciously upon us Thy servants, who here bow down before Thee in humiliation and repentance. Thou, Who didst accept the repentance of the Ninevites, when they turned to Thee; Who wouldest have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of Thy truth;—Thou, Who didst receive with a fatherly compassion, Thy prodigal son, though he had spent all his substance in riotous living, seeing that at last he was sorry for his sin, and arose and went to his father;—receive in like manner, we most humbly beseech Thee, the supplications of us, who now turn unto Thee. For we have gone astray, and done very wickedly; and if Thou, Lord, shouldest be extreme to mark what is done amiss, we cannot abide it. But there is mercy with Thee. Extend it, therefore, we earnestly pray, to us Thy servants, and restore us to Thy grace and favour, for Jesus Christ His sake. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord, open Thou our lips,
And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

SUNDAY EVENING.

PURITY.

BUT as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 *Peter* i. 15, 16.

HYMN.

Glory to Thee, my GOD, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own Almighty wings!

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.

O let my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
Sleep, that shall me more vig'rous make,
To serve my GOD when I awake.

If in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

The Lesson.—2 *Cor.* vi. 14.—vii. 1.

BE ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Psalm cxix.

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies: and seek Him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness: walk in His ways.

Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep Thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep Thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will thank Thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness.

I will keep Thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after Thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee : O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord : O teach me Thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgments of Thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of Thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of Thy commandments : and have respect unto Thy ways.

My delight shall be in Thy statutes : and I will not forget Thy word.

O DO well unto Thy servant : that I may live, and keep Thy word.

Open Thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not Thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath alway unto Thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from Thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept Thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me : but Thy servant is occupied in Thy statutes.

For Thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.

MY soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken Thou me, according to Thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and Thou heardest me : O teach me Thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of Thy commandments : and so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort Thou me according unto Thy word.

Take from me the way of lying : and cause Thou me to make much of Thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth : and Thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto Thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of Thy commandments : when Thou hast set my heart at liberty.

An Act of Faith.

I BELIEVE in Thee, THE FATHER:

Behold, then, if Thou be a Father, and we be children, like as a father pitieth his children, so pity Thou us, O Lord.

I believe in Thee, THE LORD.

Behold, then, if Thou be Lord, and we be servants, our eyes wait upon Thee, our Lord, until Thou have mercy upon us.

I believe that, although we were neither children nor servants, but only dogs, we might yet be allowed to eat of the crumbs which fall from Thy table.

I believe that CHRIST is the LAMB OF GOD.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, take away mine also.

I believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners:

Thou, Who camest to save sinners, save me also, the first and the chief of sinners.

I believe that Christ came to save that which was lost:

Thou, Who camest to save that which was lost, suffer not that to be lost, which Thou hast saved.

I believe that the HOLY GHOST is the Lord and Giver of Life.

Thou, Who hast given me a living soul, grant that I may not receive my soul in vain.

I believe that the Spirit imparteth grace in His holy mysteries:

Grant that I receive not His grace, nor the hope of His blessed Sacraments, in vain.

I believe that the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groans which cannot be uttered:

Of that His intercession, and of those His unutterable groans, make me partaker, O Lord.

OUR fathers trusted in Thee; they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto Thee, and were delivered; they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded.

As in the old time Thou didst deliver our fathers, so likewise deliver us, O Lord, who put our trust in Thee.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who as on this day didst overcome death, and by rising again didst open unto us the gate of everlasting life: Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to die more and more unto sin, and to rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living. Make us to remember that our bodies and souls, which Thou hast redeemed, are not our own, but Thine. Put away from us the leaven of malice and wickedness: and enable us to serve Thee in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Final Prayers.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

OBEDIENCE.

FEAR God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

PSALM 106. N. V. ver. 1, 3, 4, 5.

O render thanks to God above,
The Fountain of eternal love;
Whose mercy firm through ages past
Has stood, and shall for ever last.

Happy are they, and only they,
Who from Thy judgments never stray:
Who know what's right, nor only so,
But always practise what they know.

Extend to me that favour, Lord,
Thou to Thy chosen dost afford:
When Thou return'st to set them free,
Let Thy salvation visit me.

O may I worthy prove to see
Thy saints in full prosperity;
That I the joyful choir may join,
And count Thy people's triumph mine.

The Lesson.—Matt. vii. 17. &c.

EVERY good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Psalm cxix.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

O stablish Thy word in Thy servant : that I may fear Thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for Thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in Thy commandments : O quicken me in Thy righteousness.

LET Thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord : even Thy salvation, according unto Thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my trust is in Thy word.

O take not the word of Thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in Thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep Thy law : yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty : for I seek Thy commandments.

I will speak of Thy testimonies also, even before kings : and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in Thy commandments : which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up to Thy commandments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in Thy statutes.

O THINK upon Thy servant, as concerning Thy word : wherein Thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble : for Thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrinked from Thy law.

For I remembered Thine everlasting judgments, O Lord : and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake Thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon Thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season : and have kept Thy law.

This I had : because I kept Thy commandments.

[*Act of Faith, as in p.* 80.]

For increase of True Religion.

LORD of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name; increase in us true religion; and of Thy great mercy, keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For discharge of Duty towards God.

O ALMIGHTY God, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to believe in Thee, to fear Thee, and to love Thee, with all our hearts, with all our minds, with all our souls, and with all our strength: to worship Thee, to give Thee thanks, to put our whole trust in Thee, to call upon Thee, to honour Thy holy Name and Thy word, and to serve Thee truly all the days of our lives. And this we beg in Jesus Christ's Name, Thine only Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For discharge of Duty towards our Brethren.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who hast taught us to love our neighbour as ourself, enable us by Thy grace to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us. Teach us to love, honour, and succour our father and mother; to honour and obey the Queen, and all that are put in authority under her; to submit ourselves to all our governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters; to order ourselves lowly and reverently to all our betters; to hurt nobody by word or deed; to be true and just in all our dealings; to bear no malice or hatred in our hearts; to keep our hands from picking and stealing, and our tongues from evil speaking, lying, and slandering; to keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity; not to covet nor desire other men's goods, but to learn and labour truly to get our own living, and to do our duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call us. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Evening, p.* 82.]

TUESDAY EVENING.

KNOWLEDGE.

FOR if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.—2 *Peter* ii. 20, 21.

HYMN.

Oh God! by Whom the seed is given;
By Whom the harvest blest;
Whose Word, like manna shower'd from Heaven,
Is planted in our breast;

Preserve it from the passing feet,
And plunderers of the air;
The sultry sun's intenser heat,
And weeds of worldly care!

Though buried deep or thinly strewn,
Do Thou Thy grace supply;
The hope in earthly furrows sown
Shall ripen in the sky!

The Lesson.—Luke xii. 45—48.

BUT and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; the lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Psalm cxix.

THOU art my portion, O Lord: I have promised to keep Thy law.

I made my humble petition in Thy presence with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me, according to Thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance: and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time: to keep Thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me: but I have not forgotten Thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee: because of Thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear Thee: and keep Thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy : O teach me Thy statutes.

O LORD, Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant : according unto Thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed Thy commandments.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept Thy word.

Thou art good and gracious : O teach me Thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep Thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in Thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn Thy statutes.

The law of Thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in Thy word.

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right : and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let Thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to Thy word unto Thy servant.

O let Thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for Thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in Thy commandments.

Let such as fear Thee, and have known Thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in Thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

[*Act of Faith, as in p.* 80.]

For a Life consistent with our Faith.

ALMIGHTY God, Who shewest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Life unto Righteousness.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give Thee humble thanks, for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee; and humbly we beseech Thee to grant, that we being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as we were made partakers of the death of Thy Son, we may also be partakers of His resurrection; so that finally with the residue of Thy holy Church we may be inheritors of Thine everlasting kingdom, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers, as in p.* 82.]

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

CONFESSION.

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 *John* i. 8, 9.

PSALM 51. N. V. ver. 1, 2, 4, 9, 12.

Have mercy, LORD, on me,
As Thou wert ever kind;
Let me, opprest with loads of guilt,
Thy wonted mercy find.

Wash off my foul offence,
And cleanse me from my sin;
For I confess my crime, and see
How great my guilt has been.

Against Thee, LORD, alone,
And only in Thy sight,
Have I transgress'd, and, tho' condemn'd,
Must own Thy judgments right.

Blot out my crying sins,
Nor me in anger view;
Create in me a heart that's clean,
An upright mind renew.

The joy Thy favour gives
Let me again obtain;
And Thy free Spirit's firm support
My fainting soul sustain.

The Lesson.—Daniel ix.

AND I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep Thy commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments: neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; because of the trespass that we have trespassed against Thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of faces, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. O Lord, according to Thy righteousness, I beseech Thee, let Thine anger and Thy fury be turned away—because for our sins Thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Thy servant, and his supplications: for we do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousnesses, but

for Thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God: for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy Name.

Psalm cxix.

MY soul hath longed for Thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of Thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for Thy word : saying, O when wilt Thou comfort me ?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget Thy statutes.

How many are the days of Thy servant : when wilt Thou be avenged of them that persecute me ?

The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after Thy law.

All Thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely; O be Thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not Thy commandments.

O quicken me after Thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of Thy mouth.

O LORD, Thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to Thy ordinance : for all things serve Thee.

If my delight had not been in Thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget Thy commandments : for with them Thou hast quickened me.

I am Thine, O save me : for I have sought Thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider Thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

LORD, what love have I unto Thy law : all the day long is my study in it.

Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : for Thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged : because I keep Thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep Thy word.

I have not shrunk from Thy judgments : for Thou teachest me.

O how sweet are Thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through Thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

[*Act of Faith, as in p.* 80.]

[*Prayers in Commination Service, as in p.* 32.]

THURSDAY EVENING.

PRAYER.

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.—*Matthew* vii. 7, 8.

HYMN.

LORD! Whose love, in power excelling,
  Wash'd the leper's stain away,
JESUS! from Thy heavenly dwelling,
  Hear us, help us, when we pray!

From the filth of vice and folly,
  From infuriate passion's rage,
Evil thoughts and hopes unholy,
  Heedless youth and selfish age;

From the lusts whose deep pollutions
  Adam's ancient taint disclose,
From the Tempter's dark intrusions,
  Restless doubt and blind repose;

From the miser's cursed treasure,
  From the drunkard's jest obscene,
From the world, its pomp and pleasure,
  JESUS! MASTER! make us clean!

The Lesson.—Luke xviii. 1—8.

AND He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint: saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.

Psalm cxix.

THY word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed: to keep Thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure: quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please Thee, O Lord: and teach me Thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand: yet do I not forget Thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever: and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil Thy statutes alway: even unto the end.

I HATE them that imagine evil things: but Thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield: and my trust is in Thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked: I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to Thy word, that I may live: and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: yea, my delight shall be ever in Thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from Thy statutes: for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross: therefore I love Thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee: and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right: O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make Thou Thy servant to delight in that which is good: that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for Thy health: and for the word of Thy righteousness.

O deal with Thy servant according unto Thy loving mercy: and teach me Thy statutes.

I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies.

It is time for Thee, Lord, to lay to Thine hand: for they have destroyed Thy law.

For I love Thy commandments: above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all Thy commandments: and all false ways I utterly abhor.

[*Act of Faith, as in p.* 80.]

Prayers.

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name; We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, (*trials or temptations,*) may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Evening, p.* 82.]

FRIDAY EVENING.

THE PAST.

I ABHOR myself, and repent in dust and ashes.—*Job* xlii. 6.

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon, for we are come to great misery. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy Name's sake.—*Psalm* lxxix. 8, 9.

HYMN.

As o'er the past my memory strays,
  Why heaves the secret sigh?
'Tis that I mourn departed days,
  Still unprepared to die.

The world and worldly things beloved
  My anxious thoughts employed;
While time unhallowed, unimproved,
  Presents a fearful void.

Yet, Holy Father, wild despair
  Chase from this labouring breast;
Thy grace it is which prompts the prayer,
  Thy grace can do the rest.

My life's best remnant all be Thine;
  And when Thy sure decree
Bids me this fleeting rest resign—
  O, speed my soul to Thee!

The Lesson.—1 *Pet.* iv. 1—5.

FORASMUCH then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

Psalm cxix.

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

When Thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath: for my delight was in Thy commandments.

O look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy Name.

Order my steps in Thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: and so shall I keep Thy commandments.

Shew the light of Thy countenance upon Thy servant: and teach me Thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water: because men keep not Thy law.

RIGHTEOUS art Thou, O Lord : and true is Thy judgment.

The testimonies that Thou hast commanded : are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me : because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

Thy word is tried to the uttermost : and Thy servant loveth it.

I am small, and of no reputation : yet do I not forget Thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and Thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in Thy commandments.

The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

I CALL with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will keep Thy statutes.

Yea, even unto Thee do I call : help me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto Thee : for in Thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches : that I might be occupied in Thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto Thy loving-kindness : quicken me, according as Thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from Thy law.

Be Thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all Thy commandments are true.

As concerning Thy testimonies, I have known long since : that Thou hast grounded them for ever.

[*Act of Faith, as in p.* 80.]

Prayers.

For Deliverance from Sin.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up (we pray Thee) Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

For Self-Denial.

O LORD, Who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers as on Sunday Evening, p.* 82.]

SATURDAY EVENING.

THE FUTURE.

O THAT they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!—*Deut.* xxxii. 29.

HYMN.

When rising from the bed of death
O'erwhelm'd by guilt and fear,
I see my Maker face to face,
Oh! how shall I appear?

If yet, while pardon may be found
And mercy may be sought,
My heart with inward horror shrinks
And trembles at the thought;

When Thou, O Lord, shalt stand display'd
In majesty severe,
And sit in judgment on my soul,
Oh! how shall I appear?

But Thou hast told the troubled mind,
Who doth his sins lament,
The timely tribute of his tears
Shall endless woes prevent.

Then view the sorrows of my heart
Before it be too late,
And hear my Saviour's dying groan
To give those sorrows weight!

For never shall my soul despair
Thy pardon to procure,
Who know Thine only Son hath died
To make that pardon sure!

The Lesson.—2 *Peter* iii. 9—18.

THE Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation.—Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm cxix.

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget Thy law.

Avenge Thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me, according to Thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not Thy statutes.

Great is Thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as Thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from Thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors : because they keep not Thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love Thy commandments : O quicken me, according to Thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgments of Thy righteousness endure for evermore.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.

I am as glad of Thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but Thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee : because of Thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love Thy law : and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for Thy saving health : and done after Thy commandments.

My soul hath kept Thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept Thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before Thee.

LET my complaint come before Thee, O Lord : give me understanding, according to Thy word.

Let my supplication come before Thee : deliver me, according to Thy word.

My lips shall speak of Thy praise : when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of Thy word : for all Thy commandments are righteous.

Let Thine hand help me : for I have chosen Thy commandments.

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord : and in Thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee : and Thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.

[*Act of Faith, as in p.* 80.]

Prayers.

For Grace.

LORD, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Obedience.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For Acceptance at the Last Day.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life; in Whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; We meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight; and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

[*Final Prayers, as in p.* 82.]

THE

MINISTER'S EXAMINATION

OF A

SINNER'S REPENTANCE.

DEARLY beloved, you are, it may be, in a very short time, to appear before God.

I must therefore put you in mind, that your salvation depends upon the truth of your repentance.

Now, forasmuch as you became a sinner by breaking the laws of God, you have no way of being restored to God's favour, but by seeing the number and the greatness of your sins, that you may hate them heartily, lament them sorely, and cry mightily to God for *pardon.*

I will therefore set before you the laws of God, by which God will judge you; and I will ask you such questions as may be proper to call your sins to your remembrance; and you will do well, wherever you shall have reason, to say with the Publican,—*God be merciful unto me,* for I have offended in *this* or *this thing.*

And be not too tender of yourself; but remember, that the more severe you are in accusing and condemning yourself, the more favour you may expect from God.

Your duty to God, you know, *is, to fear Him, to love Him, to trust in Him, to honour, and to obey Him.*

Consider, therefore, seriously;—Have you not lived as if there were no God to call you to an account?

Has the knowledge of God's almighty power, and severe justice, made you fearful of offending Him?

Are you convinced that you have not loved God so much as His goodness and care of you deserved?

Has the love of God made you desirous to please Him?

Have you so put your trust in God as to be contented with what He has appointed, without murmuring, and without questioning the wisdom of His choices?

Have you not been unthankful for God's mercies?

Have you never, as you know of, taken any false oath?

Have you never been accustomed to swear, to curse, or to take God's Name in vain?

Have you not very often spent the Lord's Day idly?

Have you not been careless and irreverent in God's House?

Have you been careful to pray to God daily, for His pardon, His grace, and His protection?

Have you constantly received the Lord's Supper when you have had an opportunity?

Have you never gone profanely to the Sacrament without examining yourself, and without purposing to lead a new life?

Have you not despised God's Word, His Ministers, or His House?

Your duty to your neighbour is, to love him as yourself.

Have you so loved all men, as to wish and pray sincerely for their welfare?

Have you not hated your enemies?

Have you paid due reverence in heart, in word, in behaviour, to your parents, and to all such as were over you in place and authority?

Have you not been subject to sinful, unadvised anger?

Have you never done any thing to shorten the life of your neighbour?

Have you not lived in malice or envy, or wished any man's death?

Have you led others into sin, and so helped to destroy their souls?

Have you hastened your own end by wilful intemperance and disorderly living?

Have you never fallen into the sins of drunkenness, gluttony, tippling, or an idle life?

Have you kept yourself free from the sins of whoredom, impurity, or uncleanness?

Have you never delighted yourself in wanton company, unchaste songs, or filthy talking?

Have you never adorned your body with the desire of attracting admiration, or provoking the lusts of others?

Have you kept your hands from picking and stealing? and have you no wrong or robbery to answer for?

Have you served your master honestly? and done your duty by him?

Have you not deceived him in any matter?

Have you kept your tongue from evil-speaking, lying, and slandering?

Have you never denied the truth, to hide your own faults?

Have you never been glad to hear evil of others? or laughed at those who are better than yourself?

Have you never acted the hypocrite, pretending to be better than you are?

Have you never been discontented with the state of life, to which it has pleased God to call you?

Have you laboured honestly and truly to get your own living, and to do your duty in it?

Have you never coveted your neighbour's goods, or envied his better lot?

Have you done unto others, as you would have them do unto you?

Can you call to mind any injury or wrong, for which you ought now to ask pardon, and make amends?

Have you led any into sin, whom you can now recall?

Have you now considered the sins which you have been most subject to?

Remember, then, what St. Paul saith:

"This ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." *Eph.* v. 5.

And again:

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envy-

ings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." *Gal.* v. 19—21.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 *Cor.* vi. 9, 10.

And our Saviour Himself hath said,

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." *Luke* xiii. 3.

Are you convinced that it is an evil thing and bitter to forsake the Lord?

Are you resolved to avoid all temptations, and occasions of the sins you have now repented of?

Do you verily believe that you shall not fall into any of these sins again?

If you should do so, will you immediately beg God's pardon, and be more watchful over yourself?

Will you strive with all your might to overcome the corruptions of your nature, by prayers, by fasting, by self-denial?

Do you purpose, if God shall prolong your days, to bring forth fruits meet for repentance?

Are you in perfect charity with all the world?

Do you forgive all others, as you hope to be forgiven yourself?

And now I will leave you for a while to God, and to your own conscience; beseeching Him to discover to you the charge that is against you; that you may know, and confess, and bewail, and abhor, the errors of your life past; that your sins may be done away by His mercy, and your pardon sealed in Heaven, before you go hence and be no more seen.

A SERMON

ON

REPENTANCE.

PSALM ix. 17.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the people that forget God.

NOW seeing that all they are accursed (as the prophet David beareth witness) who do err and go astray from the commandments of God; let us (remembering the dreadful judgment hanging over our heads, and always ready to fall upon us) return unto our Lord God, with all contrition and meekness of heart; bewailing and lamenting our sinful life, acknowledging and confessing our offences, and seeking to bring forth worthy fruits of penance. For now is the axe put unto the root of the trees, so that every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God: He shall pour down rain upon the sinners, snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest; this shall be their portion to drink. For lo, the Lord is come out of His place to visit the wickedness of such as dwell upon the earth. But who may abide the day of His coming? Who shall be able to endure when He appeareth? His fan is in His hand, and He will purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. The

day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night: and when men shall say, Peace, and all things are safe, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as sorrow cometh upon a woman travailing with child, and they shall not escape. Then shall appear the wrath of God in the day of vengeance, which obstinate sinners, through the stubbornness of their heart, have heaped unto themselves; which despised the goodness, patience, and long-sufferance of God, when He calleth them continually to repentance. Then shall they call upon me, (saith the Lord,) but I will not hear; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me; and that, because they hated knowledge, and received not the fear of the Lord, but abhorred My counsel, and despised My correction. Then shall it be too late to knock when the door shall be shut; and too late to cry for mercy when it is the time of justice. O terrible voice of most just judgment, which shall be pronounced upon them, when it shall be said unto them, Go, ye cursed, into the fire everlasting, which is prepared for the devil and his angels.

Therefore, brethren, take we heed betime, while the day of salvation lasteth; for the night cometh, when none can work. But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light, that we be not cast into utter darkness, where is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodness of God, Who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and of His endless pity promiseth us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto Him. For though our sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and though they be like purple, yet they shall be made white as wool.

Turn ye (saith the Lord) from all your wickedness, and your sin shall not be your destruction: Cast away from you all your ungodliness that ye have done: Make you new hearts, and a new spirit: Wherefore will ye die, O ye house of Israel, seeing that I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God? Turn ye then, and ye shall live. Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. For He was wounded for our offences, and smitten for our wickedness. Let us therefore return unto Him, Who is the merciful Receiver of all true penitent sinners; assuring ourselves that He is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto Him with faithful repentance; if we will submit ourselves unto Him, and from henceforth walk in His ways; if we will take His easy yoke and light burden upon us, to follow Him in lowliness, patience, and charity, and be ordered by the governance of His Holy Spirit; seeking always His glory, and serving Him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving. This if we do, Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law, and from the extreme malediction which shall light upon them that shall be set on the left hand; and He will set us on His right hand, and give us the gracious benediction of His Father, commanding us to take possession of His glorious kingdom: unto which He vouchsafe to bring us all, for His infinite mercy. Amen.

PRAYERS

FOR MORNING AND EVENING IN PRIVATE.

MORNING PRAYERS.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I.

BLESSED be God, Who hath preserved me this night past, and brought me safe to the beginning of this day, adding day after day unto my life, and space for repentance unto my days. I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; for Thou, Lord, sustainedst me, and madest me dwell in safety. I awaked, and behold, and lo, my sleep was sweet unto me: blessed be Thy holy Name, therefore, and blessed be that infinite mercy of Thine whereby I live and move and have my being, and do enjoy all things necessary to maintain this my life and being, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

I CONFESS, O Lord, that I am less than the least of all Thy mercies; that I am unworthy to lift up mine eyes to heaven, which is the throne

of Thy purity, or to tread upon the earth, which is the footstool of Thy Majesty: for I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee.

[*Here stay and confess thy sins.*]

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness, and according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all my misdoings, for His sake Whom Thou hast given a sacrifice for the sins of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

AND here, O Lord, I prostrate myself at the footstool of Thy Divine Majesty, I humble myself under Thy most mighty hand: I repent me exceedingly of all my daily backslidings from Thee; and do again renew that vow and promise made in my Baptism, forsaking the service of the world, the devil, and the flesh. I offer and present unto Thee and to Thy service myself, my soul and my body, my thoughts and desires, my words and actions, to be this day and every day guided and ordered by Thee; humbly beseeching Thee to look mercifully upon my infirmities, to turn away from me all those evils of punishment which I by my manifold evils of sin have righteously deserved: and remembering whereof I am made, how frail I am, and how prevalent are my ghostly enemies, I most humbly beseech Thee to strengthen me against all the crafts and assaults of the devil, the world, and the flesh, that they never prevail against me, either to draw away my heart from Thee, or my actions from the rule of Thy most holy laws; but that I may, according to my promise and bounden

duty, keep Thy holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

O HOLY Jesus, Sun of righteousness, Who descendedst from the fountain of eternal purity and splendour, to enlighten us who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, cause the bright beams of Thy sacred and saving light to shine into my darkened heart, dispel and dissipate thence all those clouds of ignorance, sinfulness, and error, which too much infest and infect the same. Make me a child of the light and of the day; not of the night and of darkness. Let the light of Thy truth direct me, and the light of Thy grace support me, in those sacred paths that lead to light and life everlasting, blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

V.

O LORD our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day, defend me in the same by Thy most mighty power, and grant that this day I fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all my doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

PRESERVE me, O Lord, this day from any evils of mine, and me from the evils of the day. Let not my days consume in vanity, nor my years in trouble: but let my condition be ever peaceful

and contenting in myself, useful and beneficial to others, well-pleasing and acceptable unto Thee; that when my body shall lie down in the bed of darkness, my soul may pass into the regions of eternal light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VII.

PREVENT me, O Lord, in all my doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further me with Thy continual help, that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, I may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Whose most holy Name and words, I beseech Thee to hear me with all Thy faithful people, saying,

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I.

BLESSING and honour, and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and to the Lamb for evermore. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power, for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. Blessed be Thy holy Name for my creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; more particularly, that Thou hast preserved me from all perils and dangers of the day past, wherein many thousands perhaps better than I am, have been cut off, and sent to bewail their sins in the bitter sorrows of a sad eternity. And it is of Thy great mercies that I also am not consumed, even because Thy compassions fail not. But above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory; blessed be Thy holy Name from this time forth, and for evermore. *Amen.*

II.

BUT I am unworthy, O Lord, to take Thy holy Name in my mouth, or that Thy praise should come within my polluted lips; for I have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed, from my youth up until now, and more particularly I have sinned this day, by

[*Here confess in particular the sins of the day past; what you have done, and what you have left undone.*]

Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord, for in Thy sight no flesh living is righteous. Blessed Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, take away mine also, who am a notorious offender. Blessed Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me; speak peace to my poor soul, and say unto me, I am Thy salvation: and grant that I may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, living soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, to the glory of Thy holy Name. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto me Thy servant that peace which the world cannot give, and grant that both my heart may be alway set to obey Thy Commandments, and also that by Thee I being defended from all my enemies, ghostly and bodily, may pass my time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Amen.*

IV.

LIGHTEN my darkness, I beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend me from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V.

PRESERVE me this night from all outward accidents that may harm the body; from all sinful thoughts, desires, words, actions, that may assault and defile the soul; from all the spirits and powers of darkness; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting death, good Lord, deliver me: and grant me this night such quiet, chaste, innocent sleep and repose, that I may rise on the morrow with a pure heart and a clean body to praise Thy blessed Name, and to serve Thee with all cheerfulness and gladness of soul all the days and nights of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

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